

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **March 11, 2003**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 10

CONSENT: **X**

REGULAR:

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Adoption of a Resolution Recognizing the Lynchburg Police Department on the Occasion of its Reaccreditation**

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached resolution.

SUMMARY: The Lynchburg Police Department is Nationally Accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agency's (CALEA).

On November 18, 1989, the Lynchburg Police Department became the 124th law enforcement agency in the United States to become accredited by CALEA. The department was re-accredited on November 18, 1994, November 20, 1999 and for the fourth time on November 18, 2002. National recognition through accreditation by CALEA demonstrates the accomplishments of the members of the department and their continuing commitment to meeting the highest standards of professional law enforcement.

Accreditation through CALEA represents the department's continuing pursuit of excellence in delivering services to the citizens of Lynchburg. The program is also intended to demonstrate a commitment to professionalism through voluntary adherence to national standards, and to re-evaluate department procedures in accordance with departmental goals and mission assignments.

As of March 4, 2003, there are only 563 agencies throughout the United States, Canada, Barbados and Mexico that have achieved the goal of being accredited or certified by CALEA.

PRIOR ACTION(S): None

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

CONTACT(S): Lt. Steven E. Powell is the Accreditation Manager for the Lynchburg Police Department, and can be reached at 434-847-1770.

ATTACHMENT(S): Resolution

REVIEWED BY: lkp

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Vision and Goals adopted by City Council for the City of Lynchburg call for safe, empowered neighborhoods in which residents can enjoy a high quality of life within a superior community environment; and

WHEREAS City Council recognizes the significant role played by the Lynchburg Police Department in support of community efforts to promote stable, healthy and productive neighborhood environments; and

WHEREAS major crimes in the City of Lynchburg have declined over the past year, with crime being at the lowest level in 26 years; and

WHEREAS City Council recognizes that reaccreditation of the Lynchburg Police Department by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies serves as international recognition of the professionalism exhibited by the Police Department throughout the spectrum of its administrative and operational functions; and

WHEREAS the Lynchburg Police Department received its first CALEA accreditation in 1989, and was reaccredited in 1994 and in 1999, and has again demonstrated the high professional standards required for reaccreditation in 2002;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lynchburg City Council hereby recognizes and commends the Lynchburg Police Department for its reaccreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies, and for its efforts to maintain and enhance public safety and good order in our community.

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

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MEMORANDUM

TO: MR. L. KIMBALL PAYNE, III, CITY MANAGER
FROM: COLONEL CHARLES W. BENNETT, JR., CHIEF OF POLICE
DATE: FEBRUARY 5, 2003
RE: CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

This is a request for City Council to adopt a Resolution acknowledging the Lynchburg Police Department for its recent reaccreditation. We would like to be on the agenda for Council's ~~March 11~~ meeting for the first five minutes. Mr. Sylvester Daughtry of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies would like to make a presentation to City Council and has confirmed his availability at that time. Please let us know if this suits.

I am enclosing a copy of a recent letter received from Attorney General Jerry W. Kilgore expressing congratulations on our recent reaccreditation by CALEA. This process confirms our commitment to continuing professional law enforcement both in policy and practice.

Attachment



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Chief Charles W. Bennett, Jr.
Lynchburg Police Department
905 Court Street
Lynchburg, Virginia 24504

Dear Chief Bennett:

I would like to express my congratulations to you and your Department on its recent reaccreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

The Lynchburg Police Department is part of an elite group of public safety agencies, all of which have taken exceptional steps to demonstrate their professionalism and dedication in providing first rate law enforcement services to their communities. The members of your Department should take pride in knowing that their hard work and commitment to excellence in law enforcement is recognized and appreciated.

The citizens of the City of Lynchburg are fortunate to be served by a law enforcement agency of such high caliber. Again you have my congratulations on this tremendous honor.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerry Kilgore".

Jerry W. Kilgore
Attorney General